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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
AND DISCIPLINE

vs.

No. C90-063

WU-HSUING SU, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Section 5-37-5.2 of the General Laws, a complaint was filed with the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline [hereinafter referred to as "Board"] charging Wu-Hsuing Su, M.D., Respondent, with violation of Section 5-37-5.1 of the General Laws. An investigation was conducted by Investigating Committee I of the Board.

After consideration by Investigating Committee I of the Board, the following constitutes the findings of fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. On or about November 18, 1982, a thirty three year old male patient was seen by Respondent for complaints of back pain.
2. Respondent prescribed Parafon Forte, advised the use of a warm pack and advised the patient to call his office in three to four days if the pain persisted.
3. The patient did not call Respondent's office, but rather presented himself at an emergency room at a local hospital on November 21, 1982. The patient was examined, X-rays were taken and the patient was advised to see his physician for follow up care. Patient did not contact Respondent.
4. On or about November 26, 1982, the patient once again presented himself to an emergency room at a local hospital for complaints of continued back pain, weakness in and inability to move his lower extremities and urinary retention. He was

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6. Respondent ordered a consultation from an orthopedic physician. The orthopedic physician did not see the patient until Monday November 29, 1982.

7. Respondent saw the patient over the weekend (November 27 and November 28, 1982) and noted that the patient failed to urinate and required a urinary catheterization. The patient also developed a fever.

8. The orthopedic physician saw the patient on Monday November 29, 1982. At this time a neurological consultation was ordered. The neurologist in turn obtained an emergency myelogram and neurosurgical consultation. The myelogram revealed a total blockage at the third lumbar disk space.

9. The patient underwent surgery on Tuesday November 30, 1982 for spinal cord compression.

10. The patient suffered permanent neurological damage.

11. Respondent failed to obtain a timely consultation.

12. Respondent failed to recognize the severity of the patient's medical problems.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a physician licensed and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island, allopathic license number 5116. Respondent's mailing address is 333 Budlong Road, Cranston, Rhode Island.

2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.

3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of Investigating Committee I of the Board and is subject to the final approval of the Board. This Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.

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- (b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
- (c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
- (d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
- (e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
- (f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
- (g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
- (h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;
- (i) Any objection to the fact that the Board reviewing this Consent Order may be the same as the Hearing Committee presiding over this matter should it later be brought to an administrative proceeding;
- (j) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Board.
5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and accepted by the Board. It shall be published in a manner as the Board, in the exercise of its discretion, shall determine.
6. Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by the Respondent of the facts set forth herein.
7. Failure to comply with this Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further

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9. Respondent shall complete no less than 10 (ten) hours of academic classroom or clinical study in neurological evaluation at a school of medicine approved by the American Medical Association or a duly approved continuing medical education program. All courses or programs must be approved by the Board, in writing, prior to Respondent's enrollment. Proof of compliance, to the Board's satisfaction, shall be brought to the Board's attention within one (1) year of the date this Order is entered.

10. Respondent agrees to pay the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the administrative cost of the proceedings instituted against Respondent, as provided for in Section 5-37-6.3 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

11. Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, of any change in his address.

Signed this 2-4 day of 1991


Wu-Hsiung Su, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline at a meeting held on February 13, 1991.


H. Denman Scott, M.D., M.P.H.
Chairman
Board of Medical Licensure and
Discipline